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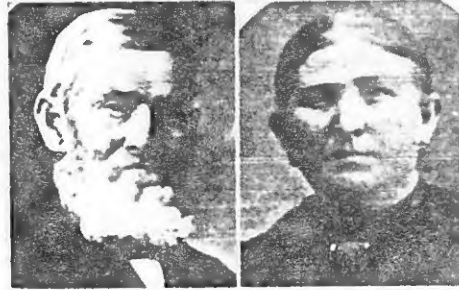
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DIXON HAMLIN GREER AND
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Dixon Hamlin Greer, son of Nathaniel Hunt Greer and Nancy Ann Terry Roberts of Georgia and Texas, was born April 16, 1834. Came to Utah September 10, 1855, Seth M. Blair Company. Only Dixon Hamblin of his family stayed.

He married Mary Sprouse, in 1857 in Salt Lake City, daughter of John Sprouse and Catherine Handley. They were pioneers, coming to Utah in 1854, in the Benjamin L. Clapp Co. She was born in 1839 and died January 15, 1861.

He married Harriett Camp Murphy in February 1863, in Salt Lake City, Utah, daugh-

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ter of William Camp and Diannah Greer of Salt Lake City. They were pioneers of 1850. She was born January 9, 1839. They moved to Wallsburg February 25, 1864. Harriett died July 14, 1908. Dixon Greer died July 29, 1918, both buried in Provo, Utah.

They left Mormon Grove on the Missouri River, June 1855 with freight in company with his father, the father dying of cholera at Grasshopper Creek near Atcheson, Kansas. He and his brothers brought goods to Salt Lake City, Utah, and set up a store at the corner of First South and Main streets.

He was a school teacher at Heber, Utah, in 1862 and at Wallsburg in 1864, and carried the mail to Heber and back. He was the first school trustee at Wallsburg, organized the first school district and built the first school house in 1865.

He also took care of his 40 acre farm and his cattle, and a country store. They had a three-room house of lumber with a fireplace in the two front rooms. It was always kept painted. They had a fine team which they used to go to Heber to conference and to Salt Lake City to conference and the Temple. He and his wife took part in all the Church affairs. They gave much help to the poor and needy as they were blessed very much. They moved to Provo in 1900.

Dixon and Mary Sprouse's children were Nathaniel Dixon, Catherine. Dixon and Harriett Camp Murphy's children were: John C., Diannah, William Hamlin, Nancy Ann, Stephen Decator, Mark, Sarah Susannah, Margret Grace, Willmirth Jane, and Alice Gertrude. p 951

HON. ABRAM C. HATCH of Heber City, who passed away March 24th, 1932, was a veteran business and professional man in the public life of Wasatch County and the state. His home had been in Utah all his life, for over three-quarters of a century, and he was one of the most active of the old-timers in the affairs of his district.

Mr. Hatch was born at Lehi, Utah County, December 14, 1856, son of Abram and Parmelia J. (Lott) Hatch. His father was one of the earliest pioneers of Lehi, and in the course of a long and active life was a merchant, farmer, rancher, and for many years bishop of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He was the first president of the Wasatch Stake. He died December 3, 1911.

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WILLIAM BRIGGS, the county attorney of Daggett County, is a resident of Manila and a young man very popular among the people. He has brought to his profession the qualifications of a well educated lawyer, naturally gifted in speaking, and a great earnestness and forcefulness.

He was born in Beaver County, Utah, April 27, 1906, son of John and Jane (Kirkham) Briggs. His parents were born in England and were married in Utah, and they now live at Salt Lake City. His father owns a ranch in Daggett County and a home in Salt Lake City. He has held the office of justice of the peace, has been active in the church and is connected with the Temple at Salt Lake.

William Briggs attended school in Beaver and Daggett counties, and had his high school course at Lyman, Wyoming. While in Lyman he took an active part in school activities. For two years he was one of the first five of the Lyman Basketball Team, was vice president of the Senior Class, and the chief justice of the Lyman High School Student Body Court, which controlled the merit system of the school. In 1927 he entered the law department of the University of Utah. He at once began practice and in 1928 his abilities were recognized in his election to the office of county attorney of Daggett County. Mr. Briggs is a Republican, is a

A. PRATT HICKEN



A. Pratt Hicken was born October 7, 1881, in Heber, son of Addison and Sophia Elizabeth Moulton Hicken. He married Florence Fisher on June 20, 1906, in the Salt Lake Temple. He was a devoted Church worker, serving in every organization of the priesthood, and was a High Priest at the time of his death, July 25, 1959, in Heber Third Ward, where he lived his entire life. When he was 20 years of age he was called to serve a two-year mission for the Church to the Southern States.

He was executive officer of the Wasatch Irrigation Co. for 55 years and was president of that organization 27 years. He was also past president of the Heber Horse and Cattle Growers' Association.

At the time of his death he was chairman of the Provo River Water Users' Association.

He has two sons, Ralph Fisher Hicken, of Provo, and Roy Pratt Hicken, of Heber; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



John Errol Hicken

John Errol Hicken, age 96, passed away in the early morning hours of May 11, 1992, at the home of his daughter in Roosevelt. Death followed a long battle with lung disease and cancer.

Born in Heber City on Jan. 3, 1896 just a few minutes before Utah was officially granted statehood. He was the 10th child of Addison and Sophia Elizabeth Moulton Hicken. He is the last survivor of his family, preceded in death by sisters, Rhoda Ohwiler, Katherine Duke, Melinda Mahoney, Olive Ramlose, Elthora Leininger, and Lola Bell Hicken, and brothers, Pratt, William, Claude, and Elijah Hicken.

Survived by his four children and

their spouses: Quentin and Blanche Hicken, of Pasadena, CA; Ruth Louise and David Rasmussen, of Roosevelt; Jerrol and Elleen Hicken, of Kaysville (serving an LDS Mission in Jinja, Uganda, Africa); and Noreen and Richard Kay, of Olympia, WA. He leaves 22 grandchildren, three foster grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Married Deon Clyde 70 years ago on Jan. 25, 1922 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary prior to her death July 19, 1987. He tenderly cared for her during several years of illness. Their devotion to and love for each other was an example to all. Both Errol and Deon were lifelong residents of Heber Valley. Until illness prevented independent living, they resided in the Hicken family home at 212 South 100 West, Heber.

He loved the mountains and the people of Heber Valley and taught his posterity to as well. He was a true outdoorsman working as a cattleman and rancher. He taught his family to work hard, love the land, and complain little. As a cattleman, Errol was a director for 15 years and president for 25 years of the Heber Cattle Company. He has been a director of the Utah Cattle Association and served on the executive board of the American Cattle Association. He was appointed a director of the Utah Farm Production Credit Association in 1947 where he continued to serve for 30 years, including time as president of the board. Appointed by Governor Lee a member of the Utah Board of Forestry and Fire Prevention, which continued under Governor's Clyde

and Rampton. He also served as Commander of the Lockhart Post #23 of the American Legion. He worked for 20 years as Wasatch County Deputy Assessor.

Veteran of WWI, serving in the artillery. Last surviving WWI veteran in Wasatch County. After Armistice, he served a mission for the LDS church in the Southern States. His love for his church was demonstrated by many years of service including leadership in youth programs and nine years as first councilor in Heber Fourth Ward.

Grandpa Hicken can best be remembered for his great interest in his family. Even as his health was failing, he always wanted to hear about each of the members of his family, wanted to know if we were doing well. He taught us to love each other, to forgive quickly, and always look for the good in every situation and person. Friends remember Errol as being an especially good neighbor. He loved to visit. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

During the final years of his life, he lived extensively with his daughter, Ruth Louise and son-in-law, David Rasmussen. Together they provided 24-hour care for him when he was very ill and unable to do much for himself. For their tireless hours of service and sacrifice, the family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks.

Funeral services will be held in Heber City on Friday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at the Fourth Ward Chapel, 400 South 200 West. Friends may call Thursday at the Olpin Mortuary, Heber City, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday at the church from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Burial will be in the Heber City Cemetery.

OLA AND MARNA JOHNSON



Ola Johnson was born January 6, 1841, and died September 27, 1920.

Marna Johnson was born February 8, 1837, and died September 9, 1910.

They came from Sweden on the last sailing vessel, arriving in Utah in 1868 and living in the old fort in Peco. Later they moved to Heber City.

Mr. Johnson was a farmer and owned his own business. He bought butter and eggs and other farm products, taking them to Park City to sell. They were the parents of seven children. Nels N. and A. O. were flour millers, owning their own business. John Johnson was a cattle man; Amanda was a dressmaker; Anna helped her until her marriage to J. A. Howell; Emma married George Durnell, who served two terms as a sheriff of Wasatch County. Amanda married John Clift. Nels married Elizabeth Moore. After her death he married Mary Orgil. A. O. married Millie Warr.

THOMAS JONES, of Heber City, represents a family that for three generations have given their sturdy energy and wholesome citizenship to the agricultural communities of this state. Mr. Jones, himself, is a leader in the ranching and live stock industry of Wasatch County.

He was born at Heber City, September 26, 1886, son of Richard and Agnes (Campbell) Jones. His father was born at Mount Pleasant, Utah, October 15, 1856, and three years after his birth his parents were one of the first seventeen families to settle in the Provo Valley. He grew up there, and at an early age came into the Heber Valley, where he acquired extensive lands and was widely known as a stock man and rancher. For many years he served on the school board, was county commissioner from 1888 to 1892 and was in the State Land Office under Mr. Bamberger. He died April 25, 1926.

Thomas Jones attended public school at Heber and completed a commercial course in the Brigham Young University. As a boy he worked with his father on the ranch, and with independent years began ranching for himself. He is a large land owner and

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a cattle and sheep man, most of his ranching property being in the Uinta district. He is a member of the advisory board of the Uinta Grazers Association, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce at Heber City, and an active member of the Latter Day Saints Church.

Mr. Jones married, November 25, 1910, Miss Christie Murdock, of Heber City, daughter of James S. and Dora Murdock. They have four children, Faun, Fern, J. Richard and Kay.